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REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-8, 10-12, and 18-26 are pending in the application. Claims 9, 13-14, and 16-17 are canceled herein; claims 18-26 are newly added.

The Office action rejects claims 1-8 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Blacketter et al. (USP 6,772,438, hereinafter Blacketter) and Hull et al. (USPA 2002/0056082, hereinafter Hull). The applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1, upon which claims 2-7 depend, claims a method that includes receiving a request to record a television program, downloading web content associated with the television program, synchronizing the television program and the downloaded web content, and storing the television program and downloaded web content in response to the request to record the television program. Claim 8, upon which claims 10-12 depend, also includes storing a television program and downloaded web content in response to a request to record the television program.

Neither Blacketter nor Hull teaches or suggests storing downloaded web content in response to a request to record a television program.

Blacketter teaches a system that receives broadcast television signals via a communications link 206 or data link 212, and optionally receives web content via a data link 212. As noted in the Office action, Blacketter fails to teach synchronizing the storage of television broadcast and web content. Blacketter teaches "a video storage device 204, which stores television signals and other data" (Blacketter, column 4, lines 30-31), but does not address recording of the web content, and thus cannot be said to teach recording the web content in response to a request to record the television program.

Hull is cited in the Office action for teaching techniques for synchronizing recordings from multiple sources during a multimedia presentation. Hull does not address a system for recording television programs, and does not teach recording downloaded web content in response to a user's request to record a television program.

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Because neither Blacketter nor Hull teach or suggest storing downloaded web content in response to a request to record a television program, as specifically claimed in claim 1, the applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-8 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Blacketter and Hull.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application to be in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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